

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 32, which would revise and expand the feed-in tariff (FIT) program from 1.5 MW to 3 MW for eligible renewable electric generation facilities and authorizes the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to adjust the rate to reflect the value of the electricity and other attributes.

In order to meet our greenhouse gas emission reduction goals and a Renewable Portfolio Standard of 33% by 2020, we will need to use all of the tools available under our existing programs to get to that goal. By increasing the size of projects allowed under the FIT program and increasing the cumulative cap for investor-owned utilities for FIT projects, this bill is a step in the right direction.

The PUC is also currently exploring an expanded FIT for small to medium scale renewable generation using a market-based pricing approach. In addition to implementing the provisions of this bill, I encourage the PUC to continue their work so that we can take advantage of the new renewable electricity capacity that a robust FIT program can provide.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger